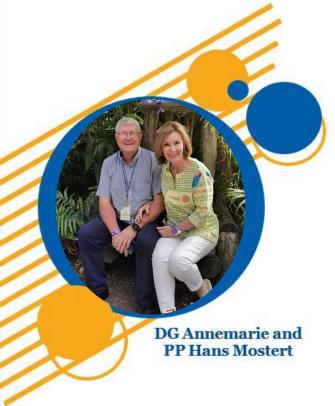




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Nations in Rotary publications.

As we strive to strengthen the bonds of understanding, goodwill and friendship, my ongoing courtesy visits to members of the Diplomatic Corps in Pretoria are an important and effective means in the promotion of cultural exchange, mutual understanding, and friendship. Many countries will participate during the centennial celebrations and their members will also join as members of Rotary. Vocationally based fellowships are quite significant as they embody the historical identity of Rotary and of its values.

During and after World War II, Rotarians became increasingly involved in promoting international

understanding. In 1945, 49 Rotary members served in 29 delegations

to the United Nations Charter Conference. Rotary still actively participates in UN conferences by sending observers to major meetings and promoting the United

Most Rotarians are successful professional and business executives because they hear opportunities knock and take advantage of them. Once a week the opportunity for Rotary fellowship occurs at each club meeting, but not all members hear it knocking.

The weekly club meeting is a special privilege of Rotary membership. It provides the occasion to connect with fellow members, to meet visitors you have not known before, and to share your personal friendship with other members. Fellowships also enable Rotarians to bond with those outside of their club, district, or country.



The second Object of Rotary encourages Rotarians to hold high ethical standards in business and profession; to recognize the worthiness of all useful occupations; and to dignify each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society. Through Rotary, members from different professional and cultural backgrounds can combine their expertise and experiences to create a greater impact. By connecting with fellow Rotarians who share a common profession or hobby, Rotary Fellowships contribute to the promotion and advancement of Rotary worldwide.

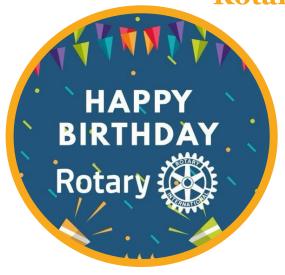
As members of an international organization dedicated to world understanding and peace, it is necessary for Rotarians to exercise restraint in judging our Rotary friends and citizens from other countries when their behaviour seems unusual to us. A Rotary policy has existed for more than half a century relating to this dilemma of international relationships.



The statement, adopted in 1933, says that because it is recognized that some activities and local customs may be legal and customary in some countries and not in others, Rotarians should be guided by this admonition of tolerance: "Rotarians in all countries should recognize these facts and **there should be a thoughtful avoidance of criticism of the laws and customs of one country by the Rotarians of another country.**" The policy also cautions against "any effort on the part of Rotarians of one country to interfere with the laws or customs of another country."

Let's extend our spirit of friendship and service spirit beyond our clubs and let's further mutual understanding through our Rotary networks.

Rotary International is 116 years old!



On 23 February 1905, Rotary founder Paul Harris formed one of the world's first service organizations, the Rotary Club of Chicago, as a place where professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships. This month we celebrated 116 years of service to others, promoting integrity, and advancing world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.



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Are you ready for the Centennial Conference?

It's 100 years of Rotary in Africa, and we can think of 100 reasons why we could make this the biggest Rotary event in History! As we lead up to the Centennial Event in April, we want to present to you:

AFRICA CENTENNIAL 100 CHALLENGE

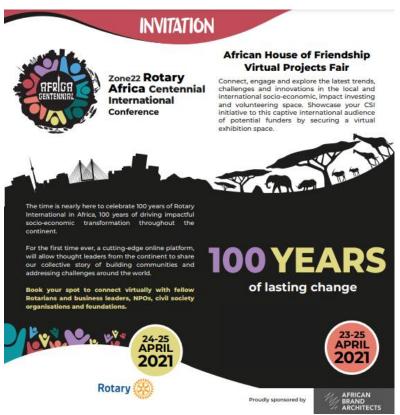
We're asking you, as our rainmakers, to mobilise your networks at club level, and to extend this invitation to Interact, Rotaract, partners, colleagues and friends, to join us at the Rotary Africa Centennial Event this year. Work together with the other clubs in your region, to onboard **100** Guests from your areas of influence.



This is also our **District Conference**, and it is an event not to be missed. In the past it was a challenge to bring all our members together in one of the beautiful countries of our District. This year you all have an opportunity to connect with thought leaders and to showcase your Club, our District, and Rotary in Africa to the World – we will not have this platform for another 100 years!

Reaching into existing membership and potential membership bases and talking about the Africa Centennial, and inviting people to this world class online event is a wonderful conversation point. You have something generational to tell people about.

Please embrace this special occasion and use it as a value proposition to retain existing members, and invite new ones – R 350 (for the 2 days).



Join in the D9400 District Conference (DISCON 2021) as we connect with each other and invite the world to see Africa through the eyes of Rotary!

CLICK HERE TO BOOK YOUR TICKET!





Rotary Projects Fair is now a Virtual Celebration!

Rotarians will join forces to tell our collective story of community development through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. All Rotary clubs in D9400 are invited to showcase their prize projects by participating in the Projects Fair in the House of Friendship from 23 to 25 April 2021.

<u>Click here</u> to find out more about participating in the Projects Fair! <u>Click here</u> to book your Virtual Exhibition Space!







Showcase your Club!

District 9400 has an incredible opportunity to showcase the history and activity of all our clubs at the District Conference and the African Centennial Celebration in April! The District virtual exhibition booth at the House of Friendship will be populated with content about the history of Rotary in our District, as well as how you and your clubs have created lasting change in your communities.

Even more exciting, is the news that along with this content about the history of Rotary in our district, we will also promote upcoming projects by including a future project prospectus in the booth. This content will show the many visitors from all over the world as well as from corporates in South Africa what our clubs have planned for the near future and provide them with information about grant and/or project partnership opportunities.

To ensure that your club receives coverage and inclusion in the booth, please complete the relevant questionnaires (Click here) on or before 12 March 2021.





Clean water, sanitation, and hygiene education are basic necessities for a healthy environment and a productive life.

When people have access to clean water and sanitation, waterborne diseases decrease, children stay healthier and attend school more regularly, and mothers can spend less time carrying water and more time helping their families.

Through water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) programs, Rotary's people of action mobilise resources, form partnerships,

and invest in infrastructure and training that yield long-term change in communities' access to water and ability to stay healthy.





The <u>Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Rotary Action Group</u> (WASH-RAG) is a group of Rotarians who have facilitated many hundreds of projects – helping clubs find partners, ensuring sustainability, stressing the importance of a needs-driven approach, and developing best practices. WASH-RAG encourages a holistic, integrated approach in which water is not the end in itself, but is rather the means to a better life and livelihood in the community. Most importantly, WASH-RAG links water and sanitation to improved hygiene, better health, and empowerment of the community.

Is your club considering a WASH project? <u>Click here</u> for a guide to planning a successful WASH Project! Your club may also contact the WASH-RAG Ambassador for District 9400, PDG David Grant, on 083 626 4523 or davidgrant.rotary@gmail.com

Click here
to read more
about WORLD
WATER DAY

Consider
celebrating
World Water Day
on 22 March
with a gift to
The Rotary Foundation

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SOMETIMES YOU WIN, SOMETIMES YOU LEARN.

TODAY I GIVE THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HAS BEEN PART OF MY JOURNEY.

Hope is the only thing stronger than fear.

DGA ANGELA NORRIS

Sadly, by now you would have all had the correspondence indicating that the Anns Conference for my year has been cancelled. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the ladies from Rosebank Rotary Anns, who have already done a lot of groundwork in preparation. But as my quote states stronger than "Hope is It is my hope that next Rotary year 2021/2022 we will all be able to celebrate once again. Thank you, Rosebank Anns, who have agreed to host it next year. Normally this would be a surprise and only announced at the Anns conference, but let us get real, we haven't had normal for a while.

As I will not be having a conference to end my year, I will with the assistance of friends put together a Zoom farewell, it will be in June. (Actual date will be confirmed) But as it is a Zoom function, there may not be time to award the necessary accolades, or walk down memory lane, so I have taken a page from Annemarie's book, and will, with the help from all clubs, recognise ladies who have gone the extra mile, clubs that have given out hope in the face of fear.

These accolades will be showcased here in the DGA newsletter monthly from now until June 2021

HOWEVER, this is where I will need the input from all clubs, if you have a delegate or two in mind, please ensure that I get a photo or two, and a write up. DGAR's this where you will need to contact your clubs and give me input either about one individual or the whole club.

March is the Rotary month for Water and sanitation.



Linda Browning is one of our Special Ladies that has been nominated for February's DGA Newsletter.

Linda and her hubby Colin joined Springs Park Rotary Club 33 years ago. This multi-talented lady is an absolute treasure. She knits, sews, bakes, and cooks... her beanies, knitted knockers, teddy bears etc.... adored the people of South Africa en masse. Along with that, she sews children's theatre gowns, mastectomy comfort bags and masks. No project has ever been too daunting for her to tackle and we all stand in awe of her talent, hard work and commitment. Congratulations Linda – such a happy photo Nominated by Barbara-Ann Springs Park Rotary Ann.

Inspiration is the key that keeps our Anns on the move. Who in your club is your inspiration?



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The Anns are all "Special Ladies" each one has a unique gift to give.

But as we know

A person who feels appreciated will always do more than what is expected.

Success is the sum of small efforts repeated day in and day out.

Please Presidents ensure that your Anns are appreciated for all their efforts. I read the minutes and I can see the fantastic job so many of you are doing. Even if you are house bound... please send messages of encouragement to all, and vice versa. Anns make sure your president is praised for her role this year.

It is now the time for me to thank my special DGAR's

Special Aide - Elaine Secretary - Rosalind

Colleen

Gill

Janet

Joyce

Margie Pat

Not only have I not been able to attend my club visits, but my DGAR's have also not been able to attend club meeting in their regions. So, for you that have really endeavoured to keep me up to date thank you.





Meet another Special Lady, Ann Smith she is a long time Ann from Benoni Van Ryn Anns. Yes you guessed it... that's a whole lot of boobies. Ann Smith Single handily managed to raise R9450.00 in the month of December. With the money raised, she buys the wool and stuffing to make literally hundreds of knitted knockers. She has been nominated by Gill Davey and Maria Pinho



I may run out of space for all these amazing ladies.

Annemarie Beier from Kyalami Rotary Anns is also one of those special ladies, who has initiative, energy and obviously baking skills. Annemarie managed to bake and sell over R9000.00 worth of Florentines during the last 6 months. And behind every successful woman is a supportive husband... Dieter donates all the ingredients for these wonderful biscuits. Not just any biscuit but a Florentine.

Nominated by Margie Grant

We have all used the words... "Unfortunately, due to Covid" Let us strive to remove the word Unfortunately. Lets say, I know we are not in the same ship, but we do weather the same storm. So, because of Covid, I learnt how to bake bread, knit bed socks, knit fingerless gloves, crochet knee blankets. Raise funds for knitted knockers, bake Florentines, grow a vegetable garden. All these things were available to me but this Rotary year I highlighted them... Along with all the avenues of service, we now have environment... Spekboom be prepared to make a stand this year...



In Memoriam

Someone so special, will not be forgotten, happy times I could never regret. Wonderful memories will live on forever, in our hearts we will never forget.

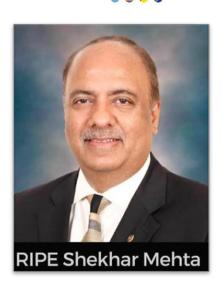
Krugersdorp Anns – Jill Olivier 08/04/2020 Rosebank Anns – Patsy Dalziel 19/04/2020 Northcliff Anns – Dawn Chapman 22/11/2020 Louis Trichardt Anns– Carla Barnard 23/01/2021 Boksburg Lake Anns – Pam Daniel 07/02/2021





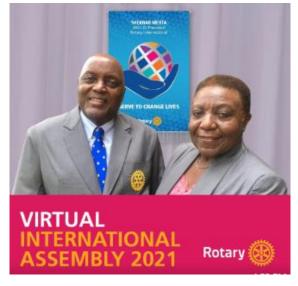


RI President-Elect Shekhar Mehta announced 2021-22 presidential theme "Serve To Change Lives". The incoming Rotary International President urged members to become more involved in service projects, saying that caring for and serving others is the best way to live because it changes not only other people's lives, but also our own. Click here to listen to RIPE Shekhar Mehta's message.





Stella Anyangwe, DGE D9400 and her spouse Carl attended the first-ever virtual International Assembly which took place from 1 to 11 February 2021. the RI President-Elect Shekhar Mehta disclosed his theme for the Rotary Year 2021-22: "SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES". Click here to read more about DGE Stella's training and online experience with her international classmates.



Focus on:

Entrepreneurs

This year's <u>Townships Project Entrepreneurship Symposium</u>, *Building Better Businesses*, will take place on 25 and 26 March 2021. This event aims to identify small business entrepreneurs for mentoring and/or investment by Rotarians. It takes place over 2 full days and is free of charge. There are also great prizes available for the Entrepreneurs. Those interested can send an e-mail to The Townships Project: <u>info@thetownshipsproject.org.za</u> or Felicity Jones at <u>fbi6302@gmail.com</u>. Visit The Townships Project website:

www.Thetownshipsproject.org.za



Building Better Businesses in South Africa





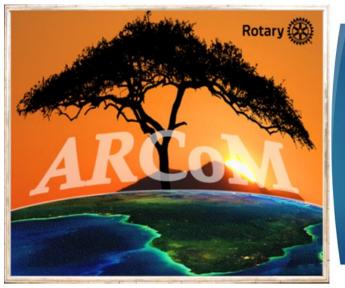
Peacebuilding is an evolving field and Rotary International is taking the lead by hosting several international Rotary Peace Centers and also selecting suitable candidates as Peace Fellows every year. The applications for 2022-2023 close on 15 May. Click here to find out more about the Rotary Peace Fellowship important dates and deadlines.

You can also complete the Peace Fellowship e-learning course and share the important information that is available online. Advertise widely and nominate your preferred candidate today.



You can support change and bring PEACE through MEDIATION

The Global Grant project for African Rotary Community Mediation (ARCoM) was established in 2020 by Districts 9350, 9370 and 9400. ARCoM will train 100 community mediators and a Mediation Centre will officially be launched during the Rotary African Centennial Celebration. We will showcase our involvement and acts of change on the African Continent during this event. The Mediation Centre will enable Rotary to establish Mediation Teams for Africa to help grow peace on our continent. Training commenced on 15 February but applications for ARCoM are still open and prospective trainees (Rotarians and Non-Rotarians) can click here to apply.









The Inter-Country Committee (ICC) of Germany-Southern Central Africa was established between twelve German clubs and 16 African clubs to promote peace and better understanding as well as manage common projects. These clubs commit themselves to improve awareness, mutual understanding of diversities and bridging communities and cultures.

The first ICC meeting was held on 30 January, 2021 under the leadership of DGN Hans Guenther Gellersen, the ICC Chair Germany - Southern Central Africa Rotary. He is from the Rotary Club Bad Bederkesa in D1850. Read an article (English or German) in local newspaper "Nordsee - Zeitung", Bremerhaven about the first ICC meeting.



DGN Hans-Günther Gellersen from Kührstedt

Meeting with Diplomatic Corps in Pretoria

DG Annemarie, DGND Riana Pretorius and Rotarian Haroon Noor Mahomed have been meeting with ambassadors and other members of the diplomatic corps over the last month, and will continue to do so into March. Ports of call include the embassies of Australia, Chile, Democratic Republic of Congo, France, Germany, Namibia, Pakistan, Peru, Portugal, Qatar, Russia, Rwanda, Serbia, Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic, Trinidad & Tobago and Zimbabwe.

These courtesy visits are part of the 2020-2021 D9400 strategic plan. The District Governor extends a hand of friendship and speaks about the African Centennial Celebration in April as well as opportunities available to work together with local Rotary clubs.

In addition, the individuals she has engaged with have also been invited to join our Diplomatic Corps Rotary Club of Southern Africa 9400. By establishing such a club, we hope to increase membership and grow Rotary locally as well as beyond our borders.

Meeting with Diplomatic Corps in Pretoria – click here for pictures!



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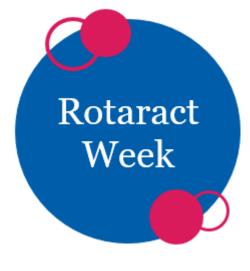
District leadership, Assistant Governors and Committee Chairs attended the virtual training session on Saturday 20 February in preparation for the new Rotary year which kicks off on 1 July 2021. It was a proud event where we welcomed <u>DGE Stella Anyangwe</u>, our first ever Black female DG, who will take over the reins of D9400 in July 2021. <u>Click here</u> to learn more about DGE Stella!



WOMEN'S

The Constitution and Bylaws of Rotary International changed in 1989 when the Council on Legislation voted to admit women into Rotary clubs. Today, women are active participants in Rotary, serving their communities in increasing numbers and serving in leadership positions in Rotary.

<u>Click here</u> to read more about the History of Women in Rotary!



During March, Rotaract clubs celebrate the founding of the first club during World Rotaract Week, which occurs each year during the week of 13 March (from Monday to Sunday). Sponsoring Rotary clubs or district Rotaract chairs_can nominate Rotaract clubs for the World Rotaract Week Recognition.

Rotaract was established in 1968 as a service club for young adults and students ages 18-30. The first Rotaract charter was on 13 March 1968 - the Rotaract Club of University of North Carolina-Charlotte, USA with 21 members. Today there are 11,253 Rotaract clubs with 215,205 members.

Just like Rotary clubs, Rotaract clubs are now members of Rotary International. While there are no operational changes for Rotaract clubs or the Rotary clubs that sponsor them, this provision elevates the status of Rotaract clubs and allows RI to increase support and resources to help them grow.





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Has your club achieved its goals?

Earn a Rotary Citation for achieving goals that **strengthen**Rotary and your club. Goals include increasing club
membership, developing sustainable service projects, giving to The
Rotary Foundation, and building awareness of Rotary in your
community. Rotary club leaders should choose the goals that are
most relevant and achievable on Rotary Club Central for their
citation achievement. Many goals will be self-reported by marking
"achieved" in Rotary Club Central. Make sure you report your
club's achievements online to be considered for this
prestigious award by the District Governor.



Click here to learn more about how your club can achieve a Rotary Citation!



Members of the Rotary community help make clubs stronger, communities better, and peace possible. Thank them for their dedication and valuable contributions by recognizing them with one of these Rotary International or non-contribution-based Rotary Foundation awards.

Awards are targeted at the district, clubs, individuals and even non-Rotarians. There are numerous types of awards to choose from. There are also formats for certificates available for the different awards.

Right now, the nominations can be made for:

- Rotary Award for Excellence in Service to Humanity Deadline: 31 March
- Avenues of Service Award (district recognition) Deadline: Open
- World Rotaract Week Recognition Deadline: Open
- World Interact Week Recognition Deadline: Open
- Significant Service Award Deadline: Open

Click here to learn more about who can nominate, deadlines and the award types.





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Rotary Exhibition Centre

The Rotary Exhibition Centre will be completed in April 2021. You can be a part of this significant Rotary structure by donating towards its construction and administration! Individual bricks are for sale at R50 each. All contributors' names will be recorded, and funding 25 or more bricks will secure your name on a plaque for posterity. Place your orders HERE!

This opportunity is open to all Rotarians, Rotary Anns, Rotaractors, Interactors, Individuals, Clubs, Businesses, Corporates, and Friends of Rotary.

Many D9400 Rotary clubs have already indicated relevant items that they would like to contribute to this initiative. District would also like to recognise individuals, clubs and organisation's contributions on plaques mounted to the "donation wall" at the entrance.

The Rotary Exhibition Centre will be housed in a 40-foot shipping container located at PromoWorld, our official Rotary vendor, at 91a Main Road, Solheim in Germiston, Gauteng. The container will be modified and shaped into a professional custom museum environment.





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<u>Click here</u> to view Club newsletters and stories online!

Send your Club newsletters to admin@rotary9400.org.za to have them loaded onto the District website!

D9400 and the South African Cultivar & Technology Agency (SACTA), which plays an important role in the local grain industry, have embarked on a joint multi-club, multi-year project to deliver on the SACTA commitment to support rural schools with water and water infrastructure.

Four sites in Mpumalanga have been identified for the first phase of the project.

<u>Click here</u> to read more about this remarkable SACTA community development project!



The Rotary Club

of Vanderbijlpark's Knitting Angels Project is well on its way. The goal is to knit beanies, jerseys, scarves, sets of baby clothes and blankets for ages newborn to 15 years. The items already received are in the process of being packed according to sizes and we plan to distribute it before the winter weather is upon us. Click here for more information, or contact Jeanette Steyn /Nortje on her Cell: 082 774 9537.

During packing and the distributing of food parcels, the **Rotary Club of Vanderbijlpark** realised that a sustainable food chain supply chain was necessary. To keep the supply chain going, a garden was established at the VESCO Thusong soup kitchen property. Click here to read more about this inspiring partnership and

project!







Club Focus (continued)

President Nicoline
Griffiths (Ermelo
Rotary Club)
gives a wheelchair
to Thapelo Mnisi, a
Grade 10 learner at
Netherland Park
Secondary School.
Thapelo suffers
from a debilitating
muscle disease.



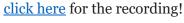
The Rotary Club of Centurion organised a Christmas function for about 30 children at the 'We Learn' Pre-school in Olievenhoutbosch township at the end of November 2020. <u>Click here</u> for more heart-warming pictures!



The Rotary Club of Polokwane together with Convoy of Hope and Blessman International have been involved in the Subiaco Borehole Project as part of a Rotary Global Grant. The project focused on fixing the borehole and pumping infrastructure such as pipelines, electricity and storage tank. Click here to see a presentation of this exciting Global Grant project!

The Sun Never Sets in Rotary

In celebration of Rotary International's recent 116th birthday, many Rotarians participated in a global 24-hour marathon Rotary Zoom meeting called *The Sun Never Sets in Rotary*. The event was a truly humbling and amazing experience; if you were unable to participate, click here for the recording!





An estimated 95+ million children in sub-Saharan Africa are affected by classroom desk shortages. The Tutudesk Campaign provides children with a mobile steady and stable desk made from a high-grade, child-safe, proprietary polymer that will not shatter like other plastics if dropped. A long-term collaboration has begun, where Rotarians and Tutudesk can partner to drive

Rotary's area focus of Supporting Education; <u>click here</u> for more information on this worthwhile campaign! If you would like to participate in this campaign, <u>click</u> here for a donation form!





Positions available in D9400 structures!

Please click here for more information, including application details.

1. District Friendship Exchange Committee

Rotarians who are interested in travel and showcasing our District are invited to join a dynamic committee, where a lot of fun is had (<u>click here</u> to visit our Facebook page)! Should you be interested please contact Chairperson Felicity Jones on 0763236513 or <u>fbj6302@gmail.com</u>. The deadline for applications is 6 March 2021.

2. District Programmes NPC Chair for 2021-2022

District herewith calls for applications or nominations for an experienced Rotarian to lead the Districts Programmes NPC. This includes serving on the District NPC Board. The deadline for applications has been extended to 6 March 2021.

3. District Finance Committee

Members with a financial background are invited to apply for Head of Finance for D9400, or Member of the Finance Committee. The deadline for applications has been extended to 6 March 2021.

Let's plan ahead: Important dates in March

8 March - International Women's Day

13 March - POETS: Regions 7 & 8

20 March - RYLA (Eswatini)

21 March – Human Rights Day

22 March – World Water Day

27 March - POETS: Regions 1, 6 & 9

April is Maternal and Child Health month!

IN MEMORY

This month we pay tribute to the following

Rotarian who has been called to higher service:

Pam Daniel, PP Ann (07/02/2021) (RC Boksburg Lake)

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